Verification of Membership of trade unions of port and dock workers of Major ports

1287. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether verification of membership of trade unions for the year 1986 of port and dock workers in the ten major Ports was carried out;

(b) if so, for what purpose;

(c) what are the details of the verification membership of each of the trade unions and the names of the All India Federation to which it is affiliated and the concerned port;

(d) the details of the method used for the verification;

(e) whether the method was adopted after consulting the unions;

(f) whether any Federation or Union has raised objection on the verified membership; and

(g) if so, what action has been taken by the Chief Labour Commissioner on these objections?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI BINDESHWARI DUBEY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The verification of membership of the Unions of Port and Dock Workers in major ports is conducted biennially for the purpose of giving representation to labour on the Port Trust Boards, Dock Labour Boards, Dock Workers' Advisory Committees, National Harbour Board etc. The verification of membership as on 31-12-1986 has been completed in respect of 9 out of 10 major ports.

(c) A statement indicating the verified membership of each of the unions in the nine major ports is enclosed [*See* Appendix CXLVII. Annexure No. 53]. The results of verification in the case of the Calcutta Port are awaited.

(d) and (e) The method adopted for the purpose of verification of the membership of Port and Dock Unions is based on the procedure for general verification of membership of Central Trade Union Organisations laid down by the 16th Session of the Indian Labour Conference held in May, 1958 and modified from time to time in consultation with the Central Trade Union Organisations. In the case of Ports and Docks, the general verification procedure stands modified to the extent that physical verification is done 100 per cent instead of 10 per cent and spot verification to the extent of 10 per cent instead of 2 to 5 per cent. In the current verification undertaken with 31-12-1986 as the date of reckoning, in terms of a direction from the Andhra Pradesh High Court on a Writ Petition filed by the Port and Dock Employees Association, Vishakhapatnam given on 27-6-1986, a provision was incorporated into the procedure for verification to obtain a written declaration from each of the workers spot verified as to the name of the Union to which he belonged. In the interest of uniformity, this procedure was extended to all the Major Ports with the exception of Calcutta where it was found not feasible.

(f) and (g) A representation has been received objecting to the inclusion of members who are not port and dock workers in the verified membership of a Union. The mebership of this category of workers is not taken into account for the purpose of giving representation to labour in the Port Trust Boards etc.

Prime Minister's talk with Farm Experts

1288. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during the month of May 1988 Prime Minister had a number of talks with the farm experts;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and whether any measures to facilitate the spread of green revolution were also suggested in new areas: and

(c) if so, the decisions arrived at and whether any time bound policy has been prepared in respect of agriculture in the country and if so, the details thereof?